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WORKING with young people is a passion for Vicky Helyar, who is currently the lead project worker for Active Skills and Learning, the community interest company which runs the youth clubs at the George Reynolds Centre in Crewkerne and does outreach project work at Wadham School.

Originally from London, Vicky came to Somerset in 1994 and has lived in Donyatt, near Ilminster, for the last seven years. Before the cutbacks, she worked for Somerset County Council, predominately based in Ilminster.

Now she is part-time at the GRC and part-time with Langport Huish and district.

Vicky is married to a carpenter and has three children of her own and a grandson.

60 seconds

WHAT do you enjoy most about your work?
Having contact with the young people, I enjoy their sense of humour and character. Identifying and accommodating their needs is very rewarding.

DID you train in youth work?
Yes when I was with the councty council I did my training for a diploma in youth work in the late nineties.

WHAT do you like about living in this area?
It is the sense of community, you do get little pockets of it in London but mostly you are anonymous. The community here work together and support each other. My youngest son is at Ashill School where they really bring the children out as individuals, they are so developed that they get on so well when they move to bigger schools. My middle daughter is at Holyrood now and she even went back to Ashill with the roadshow.

WHAT plans do you have for the youth club?
At the moment we are working on giving it an identity at the GRC, it is quite a new building and although we have a core group, I would like to extend it. The young people need to identify ownership of the building. The grotto we had at Christmas was very successful but it is a very grey building and not really identified as a youth building.

WHAT do you think is needed?
The facilities we have are excellent with a coffee bar, use of the sporst hall equipment and, of course, the ground outside but it's the older teenager range we're seeing less of, which is possibly to do with the Xbox and social media, but they just want an area to come and chill out in.

WHO would you look at as a role model?
I think it would have to be a strong female, like Emily Pankhurst, who made enormous changes and wasn't prepared to settle for the status quo just because it was more difficult to make changes.

DID you attend a youth club?
Yes, I went to one in Chiswick, it was when Grand Master Mix was a big thing and we sued to spend hours mixing music. At GRC we do have a jam pack lent by the Foyer, so the members can have live jam sessions.

Do you have any hobbies?
I like fitness, I do Muay Thai boxing and attend the the South West Black Belt Academy run by Matt Follain in Ilminster. I like running too and take a running club at Ashill School and have done a few half marathons. I've just started cross fitness. I try and bring any skills I have to the youth club and we have got a running club planned when the we get lighter nights, Crewkerne Running Club are getting involved as they are based at GRC as well.

DO you cook much?
I I do enjoy cooking but working evenings it can be difficult. My husband comes in as I go out but healthy eating is very important, another thing I want to get going at GRC.

WHAT kind of music do you enjoy?
I like all sorts, from rock and pop to alternative and the odd bit of opera, my mum is a huge opera fan. The last band I saw was Elbow, last year.

DO you like to travel?
I'm not very well travelled, I'd like to be but not really had the opportunity having had children fairly young. I do have family in Mauritius, Australia and Alaska.

WHAT would you like on your deserted island?
Music, a sharp knife and I can't live without my mascara, that's my girlie thing.

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Plans for pre-school extension refused by council over noise nuisance concerns

By Marion Draper

SOUTH Somerset District Council has refused an application by the Lawns Children's Nursery and Pre-School in Crewkerne to expand its premises with a single-storey extension, as it would cause increased nise disruption.

The plan was rejected on the grounds that the extension would allow an increased number of children at the site, thereby increasing the noise nuisance to the neighbouring residential properties.

The planning officer said there was also a concern about the additional demand for on-street parking and drop-off places in an area, already under pressure due to the nearby health care facilities and housing.

Crewkerne Town Council had also recommended refusal in agreement with the comments by the Highways Agency, that the proposed development would be likely to encourage parking in the public highway, which would interrupt the free flow of traffic and thereby add to the hazards of highway users contrary to the South Somerset Local Plan.

Owners of the nursery, Emma and James Sherman, were originally praised by many local residentfor stepping in to rejuvenate the burnt-out former Red Cross building, and saving the site from housing development by opening their business.

The couple issued the following statement in reaction to the decision: "The Lawns Children's Nursery and Pre-School is disappointed and surprised about the outcome of the planning application to expand its current site in Crewkerne.

"However, it is business as usual and we are actively seeking ways to fulfill our waiting list and considering stretching our opening hours and days in line with local demand.

"We are disappointed for the children of Crewkerne who cannot access our high quality, modern, affordable setting. We will do all in our power to be extremely flexible to fulfill their requirements.

"We would like to thank all our parents that access the setting and the majority of our local residents who have supported us during this lengthy process."

Town council sets budget for coming year

CREWKERNE Town Council has set the budget for the coming financial year year of 2014/15.

During this process, a full review of all aspects of the council's spending was carried out with the aim to achieve the continued provision of services and properly maintained amenities for the town whilst trying to keep any increases to a minimum.

After reviewing general expenses, councillors agreed to maintain funding in the areas that were already supported, plus the acceptance of certain increases such as salaries and employer costs due to increased service provision, as well as energy costs and other bought-in commodities, where increaseswere outside of the council's control.

However, councillors made a firm commitment to test the market to try and achieve cost effective purchasing of these items.

Further considerations were made and approved that have slightly increased the budget:

- In addition to funds already held by the council, extra funding to install a much-needed new heating and air conditioning system in the Victoria Hall.
- The council has now taken responsibility for the public toilets in Falkland Square and, whilst it has received a transfer fund from South Somerset District Council to cover maintenance for an initial period, in order to avoid a large increase in the future it needed to start anticipating future requirements.
- The police continue to value the benefit of the town's CCTV surveillance equipment as a tool for crime detection so the council has agreed to continue to provide a fund to maintain and upgrade the system.

With these additions, the final budget for the year 2014/15 stands at £312,462, an increase of 3.09 per cent on the current year. Once the adjustment has been made by the district council for those claiming council tax benefits, this represents an increase of £2.53 per household or four pence per week.

Positive results from fly-tipping clamp-down

CO-ORDINATED action by all Somerset councils as they clamp down on illegal dumping is helping to bring down the number of fly tipping incidents across the county.

The latest fly-tipping case during the clamp-down on dumping cost a man £250 for discarding a friend's rubbish in secluded woodland.

A similar fly tip was reported this month on a bridle path in Crewkerne.

Somerset's district and county councils have been clamping down on such incidents using new equipment, warning signs, press adverts, leaflets and further training for district enforcement officers. The effort is paying off and fly-tipping figures for Somerset fell by 8.7 per cent between 2011/12 and 2012/13.

Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) managing director Steve Read said: "With all local authorities, the police, and SWP working together and with help from the public, the falling figures for fly-tipping are being driven even further down. While fly-tipping is a tough crime to tackle, this case shows that fly-tippers can and will be caught and convicted."

As well as reporting fly-tips it is vital that witnesses are willing to give evidence so the offender can be convicted.

Details of all recycling sites, opening hours and the materials they take can be found on the SWP website at www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/sites or by calling Somerset Direct on 0845 3459188.

Discussions by SWP's governing board on February 21st will include extending the timetable of five of Somerset's busier recycling sites to seven-day working.

W news briefing

Witness appeal after local man dies in road collision

POLICE are appealing for witnesses following a fatal three-vehicle collision near Crewkerne, in which a local 49-year-old man died.

The incident happened at just after 5pm on Friday, January 24th at Turnpike Cross on the A356, between the A303 and Crewkerne, where there was a great deal of water on the road.

The collision involved a Vauxhall Corsa, a Renault Scenic and a Ford Transit van. The driver of the Corsa, Mark Hurford, from Crewkerne, died in the collision.

A 29-year-old man, who was a passenger in the Transit van, was taken to Yeovil District Hospital after suffering a dislocated shoulder and back injuries.

Investigating officer PC Andy Grigg is appealing for anyone who witnessed the collision or saw the vehicles prior to the collision to come forward. If you can help please call the Collision Investigation Unit via the police's non-emergency number 101.

All welcome on twinning trip

CREWKERNE and District Twinning Association is visiting the twin towns of Igny and Bures Sur Yvette, departing Thursday, April 10th until Sunday 13th.

The trip will include a visit Reims, the Champagne region close to Paris. All newcomers welcome from Crewkerne and the surrounding district.

The trip will cost £95 per person staying with hosts in either of the towns.

For more details please contact Cheryl Newman on 01460 75025 Please book by February 10th as details need to be given to the French hosts.

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Tackling Alzheimer's through scarecrow project

By Marion Draper

MANOR Court Community Primary School in Chard launched a new school-wide project to learn about Alzheimer's, through the symbol of a scarecrow, in collaboration with the Archie project, run by the charity Reminiscence Learning.

Many people with dementia will use mascots as a source of comfort and attachment, and at Reminiscence Learning they have a brightly knitted scarecrow called Archie. He has come to life in "Archie's Story", which has been created to dispel the stigma associated with dementia. The book is designed to explain simply without being patronising that there are many types of dementia.

Throughout the year the children will be taught about Alzheimer's and the impact it can have on the sufferer and their families. They will learn through stories, a work book and visits to Oak Lodge nursing home.

The project likes to engage the children through a dressing up parade and on Monday, January 27th most of the children and staff dressed up as a scarecrow for the day and paraded around the school grounds before having a special whole school assembly lead by Year 1 teacher, Catherine Holloway. The assembly was attended by staff from Oak Lodge.

The children were asked to think about how they would feel if they couldn't remember their loved ones or where they lived and then there was a memory game where the visitors were given different cuddly toys with names, which they then hid behind their backs and one of the teachers and a pupil were asked to remember which order the toys had been.

Ms Holloway explained that older people often lose colour vision but yellow and red are the last to go so the scarecrow mascots were made in bright colours.

The children were told how Archie was chosen by a gentleman called Bill who couldn't remember where he was but when he visited a day centre, but every day he would always recognise Archie and say "hello" to him because he was familiar and didn't change his clothes. They also learnt that when people with dementia hold a mascot like Archie, the feel safe and comforted and are more likely to remember things.

The children were told that they could help older people by visiting and listening to them and doing some activities with them so they were less bored.

Two girls, Sarah Jane Lean and Maisie Jones, were brought forward and thanked for making their own Archie dolls.

■ **MAKING ARCHIE: Pictured left, students Sarah Jane Lean and Maisie Jones show off their handmade scarecrow dolls with teacher Catherine Holloway**

■ **TRAIL OF STRAW: The parade of scarecrows is lef indoors. Below, headteacher Adrian Mitchell and Year 2 teacher Lee Butt with some of the Manor Court children**

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Complete Meats hands out community funds

COMPLETE Meats in Chard presented three local community groups with a £50 donation each from their twice-yearly community draw on Tuesday January 14th.

Chard Town Football Club has just bought a defibrillator and treasurer Adrian Clifford said the money would help with a proper housing for it. Buckland St Mary Preschool needed to replace equipment and Tatworth Preschool wanted a new play mat.

All were very grateful to Complete Meats for the donation which was presented to them by Mark Urquhart.

Combe prevail in Youth Speaks contest

COMBE ST Nicholas Primary School are celebrating after their win at the junior Youth Speaks competition, hosted by the Rotary Club of Ilminster at Swanmead School.

The school has a good history of success at the competition and provided a very strong team to speak, who chose the subject "Should Child Labour be Allowed?" after studying Victorian England and being shocked to learn of modern day child labour.

The group had researched their subject very well with just enough statistics so as not to bore their audience and some practical ways we could all help. Chairman Craig Jakeman made a good, clear start making the audience laugh and then bringing the talk back to the sober subject Speaker Talia Treble, who also took the best speaker award, explained how many of us support child labour unwittingly by buying certain goods and about the charities which rescue children from sweat shop labour in developing countries.

Proposer Hazel Smith did the summing up and said how much they enjoyed school and appreciated their views being listened to.

Runners up were Swanmead B team, Josie Brown, Eliza Murdoch and Emily Dugdale, who asked "How are we affected by inequality between males and females in sport?". They argued that women's sport should get more air time on television because more female role models would encourage girls to be active and healthy.

Other teams were from Hambridge and Curry Mallett.

There was a new adjudicator on the judging team this year, as Rotary president Terry Bate joined regulars Anna Bowerman and chairman Charles Clark of Greenslade, plus Taylor Hunt who sponsored the event.

Mr Clark thanked the Rotary Club and Swanmead for hosting. He said the judges had been conscious of the variety of ages and experience before them and thought all the teams had researched their topics very well .

He gave some constructive criticism for next time, reminding them that, as a team working together, it was important to look like a team and be smart in appearance.

■ WINNERS: Pictured above left, Combe St Nicholas team Talia Treble, Craig Jakeman and Hazel Smith with judges Anna Bowerman, Charles Clark and Terry Bate. Below left, the team from Curry Mallett - Henry Leighton, Archie Thomas and Anastasi Adams

Skittlers support dryathlete

AT the Ilminster and District men's skittles "Sticker Ups" competition, a draw and "Roll a Coin at the Bottle" game took place, with funds raised being donated to league chairman and "dryathlete" Mike Drayton, for his efforts in abstaining from alchohol for charity.

Special Thanks go to V. Woodland for donating the bottle of whiskey, league members for their prizes, Luke Lionel and Adam for selling draw tickets, in which £65 was raised.

Also thanks to Crown Inn landlord Dave Mears for donating a bottle of Grouse Whiskey, won by Darren Dabinett was the eventual winner in the "Roll a Coin" comptition, raising £23.

The Dryathlete was teased by many on the night about having a drink or two, but in typical fashion Mike said: "Put it behind the bar and I will have my drink when I have completed my Dryathlon!"

Mike is pictured presenting Darren Dabinett with his bottle.

MP opens new classroom block at Maiden Beech

By Marion Draper

■ OFFICIAL OPENING: Head boy and girl, Ed Collins and Molly Campbell, with David Laws MP and headteacher Steve Smith

THE enthusiasm of Maiden Beech Academy students for their new humanities building was infectious as they explored the three spacious classrooms which replaced the old temporary hut.

Minister of State for Schools, David Laws MP, had the pleasure of cutting the ribbon on the new building on Friday, January 24th with the help the head boy and girl, Ed Collins and Molly Campbell, and headteacher Steve Smith.

The official opening was attended by school governors, representatives of the construction company and architects, School Council representatives and Year 8 prefects.

Mr Laws said it was a double pleasure for him as the school was in his constituency, but also as the schools minister he had been the one to approve the £325,000 bid, although he gave assurances that there had been no favourtism as the bid had been carefully evaluated before it reached him.

Mr Laws commented on the length of time that many schools had put up with temporary buildings, which were hot in summer and cold in winter, remembering before he was an MP, one headteacher saying the only solution to 50-year-old huts was some petrol and a match.

He added: "Getting the building right sends out clear signals about the value of education."

He chatted to the head boy and girl about the old building and what it was like, with Ed telling him the radiators had been broken and it had been very hot in the summer.

Once the doors were open, the students rushed to check out the new computer technology suite. They were also delighted with the decorated classroom blind, for which they had been consulted on their choice of graphics, ranging from geography of the earth to mathematical equations and historical chronology.

The three classrooms of the new block were light and spacious with plenty of storage for the teachers' resources and large locker areas between the rooms. The building was designed in such a way as to be suitable for extension should more funding be obtained at a later date

Chairman of governors, Lee Gillman, commented: "I really am pleased. This school, for a number of years, hasn't had much different about it. These classrooms are really going to make a difference, it's positive news for the school and for the town.

"It is a massive step which has changed the whole perspective of the school, making it more positive and modern. This learning environment is brilliant for them and I think when these children know they are going to be working in block 15 and 16, they will flock to their lessons."

He also commented on the blinds, which he said would give those children who let their attention wander in class, something to look at which was still educational and interesting and, because the students had given their input, they felt a sense of ownership over them.

■ PROUD OF THE RESULT: Business manager Jo Manuel (left) with school governors and students

■ NEW EQUIPMENT: David Laws MP and Maiden Beech Academy students check out the new IT suite

Young chefs battle it out in the kitchen

By Marion Draper

■TASTY: Crewkerne Rotary Club president Robin Heyd Smith tastes the home-made sausages of winner Sam Clarke. Pictured left, the young chefs with judges and Rotarians and, inset, Sam Clarke with his plate of main course

SIX budding cooks battled it out in the kitchen at Wadham School for the Crewkerne Rotary Club Young Chef competition this year, a drop from the eight who took part last year.

The title was taken by 16-year-old Sam Clarke from Crewkerne, who was the 2011 winner and runner up in 2012. Last year he was forced to drop out at the last minute due to exam commitments but had vowed to come back in 2014 so was really pleased to win.

Sam has developed a new passion for golf and is keen to get through his exams and study sport psychology at university, but is still keen on cooking and appreciated it was something he could always pursue in his own time.

His menu was homemade spinach and ricotta ravioli, homemade sausages in a caramalised onion hotpot with beetroot and potato bake and mushy peas. His dessert was a chocolate torte.

Once again, the three judges were Maureen Fasan, proprietor of the White Lion Carvery, Kath Kersley, landlady of the Admiral Hood, and retired catering lecturer Mandy Charles. They watched the entire process as well as tasting the result. Marks were given on technique and hygiene as well as presentation and flavour.

Sam was the only student who brought his food out in the order of starter, main course and sweet, timing his meal to the last minute which gave him an edge of the other five, who either brought the food out in any order or with long gaps between service. However, he did lose marks on presentation in his rush to finish.

Last year's runner-up, Charlotte Eardley, from Seavington, came close to winning again, and the other four competitors were Jemma Kew from Ilminster, who impressed with her spun sugar, Abbie Knight from Crewkerne, who made a perfect meringue for her Eton mess, Klaudia Nosek from Ilminster, whose asparagus, mint and lemon risotto was well, and Will Pym, whose best course was his cheesecake.

All entrants were presented with certificates by Crewkerne Rotary Club president Robin Heyd Smith and Rotary young chefs aprons. Sam will go through to the next stage of the competition to compete against young people from other schools.

Brownies dance into their centenary year

By Marion Draper

HORTON Village Hall was filled with dancing queens on Saturday, January 25th as 95 Brownies and their leaders from the Seavington Division marked the start of the organisation's national centenary celebrations with a disco.

The Brownie section of the Girl Guiding movement has now been in existence for 100 years . In 1914, Rosebuds were established for girls aged eight to 10, with the name later changed to Brownies and the age group expanded to incorporate girls from seven to 10.

The Big Brownie Birthday will run from now until the end of the school summer holidays and a number of special events and activities are planned nationally, including an anniversary challenge badge to be earned.

Seavington Division includes Brownies from 1st, 2nd and 3rd Chard, 1st and 2nd Ilminster, 1st and 2nd Crewkerne and 1st and 2nd Martock, which shows how popular the organisation still is on a local level.

The celebration at Horton included a special centenary birthday cake and was attended by county president Margaret Maltby, assistant county commissioner Sue Lever and division commissioner Jenny Parsons.

TOUCH OF SPARKLE: Seavington Division Brownies with their centenary cake

CELEBRATING TOGETHER: Seavington Division Brownies leaders with county president Margaret Maltby, assistant county commissioner Sue Lever and division commissioner Jenny Parsons. Below, children at the disco

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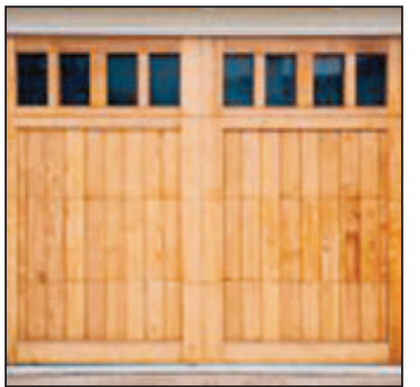

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Ferne Animal Sanctuary are appealing for help to build a new kennel block and rehoming centre on the site of the existing kennels at the Sanctuary.

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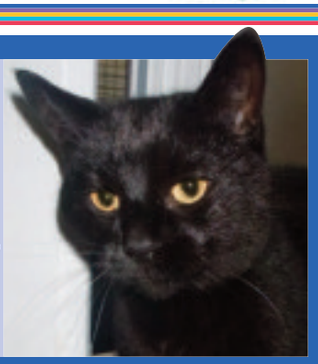

Our names are Lola & Sherman

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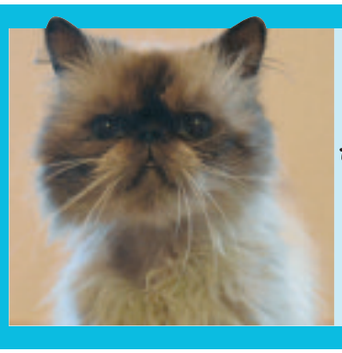

My name is Prince

I am looking for an owner who will be home quite a bit of the time as I love human attention and will need regular grooming, I have always lived indoors but might enjoy an occasional stroll around a garden. I get on with other cats and with dogs and am fine to live with children of 6yrs and over. I am litter trained.

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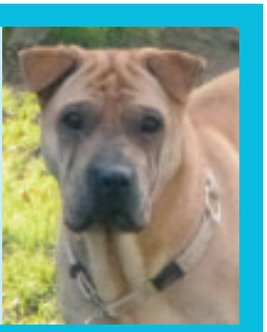
I have not lived with children before but I have socialised with children of 12 years and over. I am housetrained and I am ok travelling in the car.



My name is Baghera

I came in as a stray so the sanctuary has no background history on me. I would like to be the only cat in the home and if there are any children it would best if they were teenagers.
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My name is Ria

I am looking for an active family who have plenty of time to give me the training and exercise I require, I have always lived with other dogs so would like there to be another dog in my new home. I am also used to living with cats and have socialised with children of 4yrs and over. I am housetrained, travel well and am not destructive when left. I absolutely love water and will jump in any available large puddle.

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Our names are Tequila & Tia Maria

We were left abandoned close to a very busy road and were lucky to have survived. We are timid but are becoming more used to people and do love each other so would like to be homed together. We would like an owner who will not leave us for more than 4 hours at a time as we need to be fed four times a day. We would be ok to live with other cats, but any children in the home would need to be over 12 years of age.

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It's panto time in Chard... oh, yes it is!

By Marion Draper

CHARD Amateur Theatrical Society (CATS) are presenting their pantomime "Snow White" this week at the Guildhal, directed by Lorraine Marshall.

The favourite fairytale is full of colour with fantastic costumes, a great set, pyrotechnics and imaginative lighting effects, as the magic tale of good versus evil unfolds.

Months of hard work has gone into the production, not just from the cast but the tremendous amount of effort behind the scenes.

The junior members of the group, named the Kittens, outnumber the adults in this show, performing both in the chorus and as the seven gnomes. There are some familiar songs associated with the popular tale and some great character parts.

Debbie Hilton trips around the stage as the pleasantly natured Snow White, beloved by the forest creatures who lead her to the house of the gnomes as the jealous Queen plots her death.

The comic characters come as a set in this version with Jennie Kenton as the larger than life and strangely named Wot, son of Mrs Murgatroyd, the traditional dame character, played by Steve Warwick. The loudly dressed dame, who gets her makeup tips from a toymaker, has set her cap at the dithery King, Grant Davies, and the last of the funny foursome is a highly camp Lester the Jester, played by Andrew Helbert. At this point the costuming really deserves an extra mention as a lot of colourful satin is evident on stage.

On the evil side is Queen Eldread, (named Queen dreadful by the four funnies) and played by Mandy Cameron-Taylor. Suitably dressed in a jealous shade of green, she spits venom and hatred aided by the somewhat eccentric wizard in the dungeon, Angie Davies, who also doubles as the Wishing Well Fairy, making an amusing first exit in act one.

Also taking on a double role is Jeanne Stirland as the mirror and the Queen's alter ego, the old hag - a style of character she has mastered over the years with the perfect voice and cackle for the job.

The blacklight scene is provided by four skeletons who appear from coffins and dance around the dungeon.The choreography is well thought out throughout the show and taken into the auditorium at times.

The gnomes are well played by some of the Kittens who enjoy the traditional character names with a slight change to a couple, such as Basher instead of Bashful. The swarthy huntsman is played by Terry Powell.

A great live band led by Bill Case is backed up by soundtrack pieces for some of the effects and watch out for that bang in the dungeon in act two.

Performances take place tonight (Friday) and tomorrow at 7.30pm with a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. Last minute tickets may still be available from Barrons in Holyrood Street.

■ COLOURFUL PRODUCTION: Snow White and the gnomes on stage. Right, the comedy quartet of Lester the Jester, Wot, Mrs Murgatroyd and King Hector, played by Andrew Helbert, Jenny Kenton, Steve Warwick and Grant Davies

■ BREWING POTION: Evil Wizard Angie Davies

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■ LOVING COUPLE: Above left, Prince Rupert (Katie Hawes) and Snow White (Debbie Hilton). Above right, evil Queen Eldread (Mandy Cameron-Taylor) with her mirror behind and, below The Kitten chorus

Bishop calls for action to be taken on flooding

THE Bishop of Taunton, the Right Reverend Peter Maurice, has written to all bishops in the House of Lords calling for their support in urging the government to take action to help all those affected by the floods in the Somerset Levels.

His letter comes after visiting flood stricken homes in the area with the Archdeacon of Wells recently.

He wrote: "On the afternoon of Sunday, January 19th, the Archdeacon of Wells and I spent three hours in Muchelney and the surrounding villages on the Somerset Levels. You will know from news reports how badly affected they have been by flooding. We visited couples in flooded out homes who have lived in the village for over 30 years and have never seen conditions so bad.

"The stories are heartbreaking – with farms and other businesses unable to operate normally, and homes made unbearable by the flooding of domestic sewage systems (cesspits and septic tanks). This situation began before Christmas, and nothing has changed since the New Year - more rain has made the situation much worse.

"People are dependent on an emergency boat or tractor to get them to the mainland. The local councils have heeded the villagers request that this be deemed a major incident. Emergency services are now providing specialist vehicles to gain access in the event of an emergency of any kind.

"I think it is now necessary for your influence in the Lords to be brought to bear in questions to the government about what they propose to do. Even with the pumps now being used by the Environment Agency, the water is likely to remain for months in places.

"The main A372 road across the county has been closed for weeks. The people with local knowledge are quite clear that there has been no dredging of the main rivers (the Parrett and Tone) for some years, and that this must be done to prevent repetition of this flooding. Businesses will need help to recover. Householders will also need support to physically restore their homes.

"Archdeacon Nicola and I are very proud that the local church in Muchelney has been used as a community resource during this emergency – with foodstuffs, newspapers and hot coffee available. The clergy have been using the boat system to gain access and conduct worship as well as offer pastoral care.

■ PRIEST in Charge of Martock, David Gent, Archdeacon of Wells, the Venerable Nicola Sullivan and Bishop of Taunton, the Right Reverend Peter Maurice

"But action is needed now to help people, and the recovery phase must be properly planned and founded by government if this awful scene is not to be repeated.

"I would be grateful for your support in this increasingly urgent matter."

■ ON Wednesday the Prime Minister, David Cameron MP, confirmed the dredging of rivers in the flood-stricken Somerset Levels would start "as soon as it is practical".

Mr Cameron told MPs during Prime Minister's Questions that more high-volume pumps have been ordered to increase the pumping operations in the Rivers Tone and Parrett.

Creative Solutions to getting noticed because attention is the sign of the times.

BUSINESS PROFILE
by Geoff Baker

AS SUCCESS stories go, the rise of **Creative Solutions** is up there with the very best of them – with a 2,600% increase in business in a decade that has seen the Axminster-based experts in attention-getting soar to a catalogue of 13,000 clients.

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Over in Lyme Regis the community has known the friendly bright sparks of **Creative Solutions** for many years. Ben and his operations manager brother Jedd, sales manager Chris Lenton and production manager Matt Coalter all live locally and became popular in Lyme long before their success caused the need for the company to recently expand to their purpose-built premises on Axminster's Millwey Rise Trading Estate.

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'It's all about significance,' says Ben, 'when we sign off on a job your customers will sign on.'

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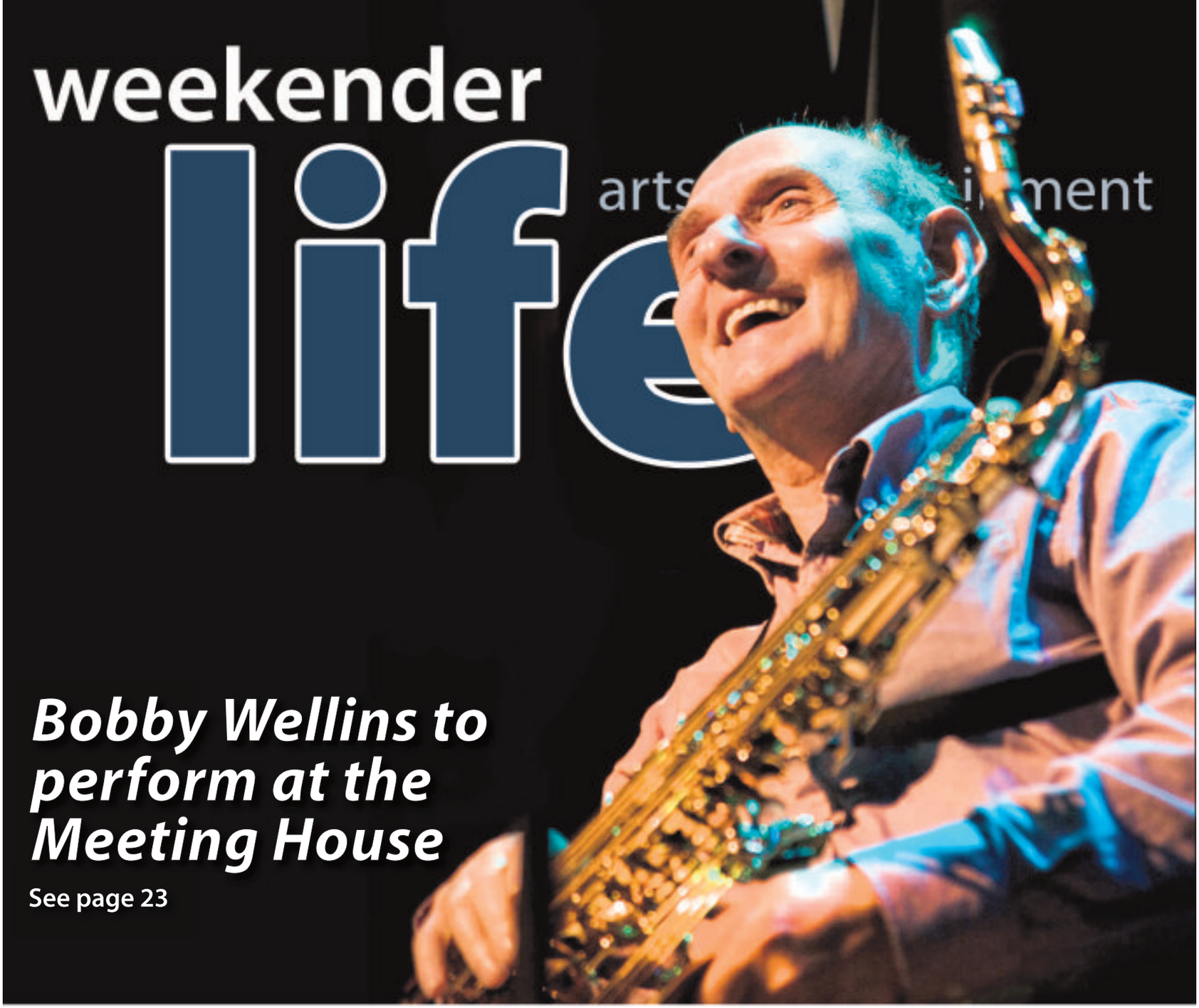

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

CHARD: Chard Ladies Evening Guild next meeting will be Mark Roper talking about Forde Abbey. Manor Court School at 7.30pm. New members and visitors welcome.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - sew, knit & natter, 10.30am, all welcome; details from 01460 72837

CHARD: Dance class 10.00-11.30 provided by Mean Feet, this an exercise class to enable you to get fit. At Chard Youth Club.

SOUTH PETHERTON: South Petherton Photographic Society presentation. Talk given by club member Stuart Allenby entitled 'A Pictorial Tour of Yorkshire'. From 7.30pm at Methodist Church Hall, Palmer Street TA13 5BD. Cost including refreshments is £2.50 for non-members, members free.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6TH

CREWKERNE: Folk dancing at St. Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday 8pm-10pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call Denise 01460 77320.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Film Society showing French comedy 'Potiche', in the village hall. Doors open and tea/coffee & biscuits available from 7.30pm; film starts at 8pm prompt. New members always welcome; guest tickets may be booked in advance on 01460 74849 or 01460 30508.

CHARD: Chard Camera Club open evening at the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street at 7.30pm, for 8pm. Entertainment is being provided by the acclaimed photographer, judge and speaker Janet Haines ARPS, DPAGB, AFIAP and is entitled 'Widening your horizons' (how to improve your photography by going in for awards and distinctions). The evening will be rounded off with a raffle and auction of a canvas wildlife print from the lens of local wildlife photographer Mr James Brown. All newcomers to the club will be warmly welcomed and any person wishing to join can make contact with Mr Peter Partridge (Competition Secretary) on 01460 66885 or via the website: chardcameraclub.org.uk

CREWKERNE: Knit and Natter, every fortnight (excluding February 20th). 7-9pm at The Speedwell Hall, Abbey Street, Crewkerne. Cost £2 per session includes refreshment. Bring along your current project and enjoy with others while nattering. More info contact Sarah 07931 391928 or enquiry@studioswig.co.uk.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 823506.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - TAKE ART! – 7.30pm. La Navet Bete Theatre Troupe presents 'Once Upon a Time in a Western' – a highly original story with live music, physical comedy, audience interaction, pistols at dawn, a gang of inflatable Mexican baddies, a host of colourful heroes and a 2D banjo-playing cactus. Entrance, including hot supper: £11 adults, £5 school age, £27 family (2+2). Licensed bar. To avoid disappointment, tickets should be booked in advance on 01460 74849 or 01460 72807.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

MISTERTON: Table Top Sale at Misterton WI Hall 11am-2pm. Lots of bargains - household goods, bric-a-brac, crafts, clothing, jewellery etc. Light refreshments (bacon butties, hot soup, tea and cake etc. Free entry. For more details call 01460 74808.

MISTERTON: Wine & Wisdom Quiz in the village hall, 7 for 7.30pm prompt. Teams of 4-6. £6 per head, includes ploughman's supper. Raffle. Advance booking only. For more details call 01460 74368.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

CHARD: Chard Youth Club meet every Monday evening, for ages 13-18. A chance to socialise, play air hockey, pool, table tennis, and a tuck shop is available.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

CHARD: Chard WI Meeting at 7.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street. Visitors and new members welcome. 2nd Tuesday of every month (Excluding August).

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

CHARD: Dance class 10.00-11.30 provided by Mean Feet, this an exercise class to enable you to get fit. At Chard Youth Club.

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Sat, Sun: 20.50

Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters [PG]
Sat & Sun: 10.00

The Smurfs 2 [U]
Sat & Sun: 10.10

Lone Survivor [15]
Daily: 15.20, 18.10, 21.00
plus Sat: 12.30, Sun: 12.40

Mr Peabody and Sherman [TBC]
Sat & Sun: 11.20, 12.40, 13.30, 14.50, 15.40, 17.00 plus Sat: 10.30

I, Frankenstein [12A]
Daily: 14.10, 16.30, 18.50, 21.10
plus Sat & Sun: 11.50

Out of the Furnance [15]
Daily: 14.45, 17.45, 20.45

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Fri, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu: 15.30 plus Fri, Tue & Wed: 19.15
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Sun: 12.30, 18.15, 20.45
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Delivery Man [12A]
Fri, Sun, Wed: 18.00, 21.20
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Fri, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur: 12.30

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Sat: 18.00

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Sat & Sun: 12.00, 14.20, 16.40

Out if the Furnance [15]
Daily: 21.15

The Awkward Moment [15]
Fri, Mon, Tue, Wed: 13.30, 15.50, 18.20, 20.40
Sat & Sun: 18.20, 20.40

12 Years A Slave [15]
Daily: 14.15, 17.10, 20.10

American Hustle [15]
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Sun: 18.10, 21.10

August: Osage County [15]
Daily: 13.00, 15.45

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Fri, Mon, Tue, Wed: 114.00, 16.30, 19.00, 21.20
Sat & Sun: 18.50, 21.20

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug 2D [12A]
Sat: 10.10, Sun: 11.30

The Railway Man [15]
Fri, Tue, Wed: 18.30

Wolf of Wall Street [18]
Daily: 12.45, 16.30, 20.15

Walking with Dinosaurs [U]
Sat & Sun: 11.45

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Codeword

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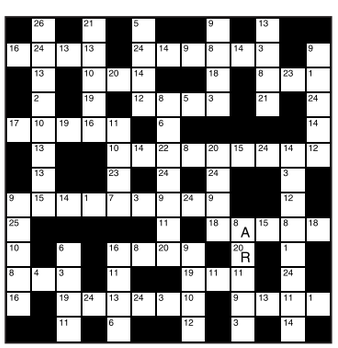

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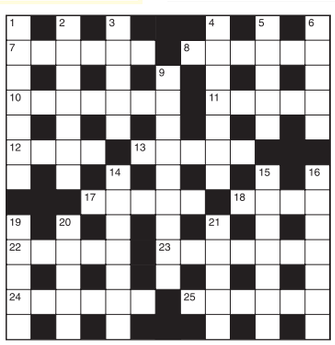
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 D	2 A	3 X	4 M	5 N	6 V	7 K	8 R	9 U	10 J	11 H	12 B	13 L
14 E	15 G	16 Q	17 O	18 Z	19 S	20 W	21 I	22 T	23 C	24 F	25 P	26 Y

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Desert dweller with the French kind of farming (6)
8. A long time after the point of second childhood (6)
10. Mountain chain at the end of the street is unusual (7)
11. In this way the cover is substantial (5)
12. The way one walks to make an entrance, we hear (4)
13. Steer clear of a vacuum (5)
17. Petulant enough to change sides (5)
18. What the wound leaves behind causes endless alarm (4)
22. Could be cited as an authoritative statement (5)
23. Luck brings a great deal of money (7)
24. Rescues about fifty bondmen (6)
25. Southern region near a Greek state (6)

Down

1. An extract taken from "The Ocean Voyage" (7)
2. Fastener for locks (4-3)
3. Often seen in the heavens, but not quite a heavenly body (5)
4. The pirate has an ill-mannered appearance, we hear (7)
5. Attack southern state fighting on the same side (5)
6. Finds one's way to the western extremities (5)
9. Doesn't continue when the fall has taken place? (6,3)
14. The sort of hood for a monk (7)
15. Get a group of singers, by the sound of it (7)
16. Magazine containing material likely to cause a report (7)
19. Most satisfactory surroundings for a wild animal (5)
20. Cleric taking part in civic arrangements (5)
21. Cuts what farmers produce (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

7. Journey (6)
8. Trade by exchange (6)
10. Sailor (7)
11. Artless (5)
12. Observe (4)
13. Bury (5)
17. Lukewarm (5)
18. Sharpen (4)
22. Name (5)
23. Try (7)
24. Mourn (6)
25. Modern (6)

Down

1. Endurance (7)
2. Relate (7)
3. Intended (5)
4. Artist (7)
5. Garret (5)
6. Command (5)
9. Chief (9)
14. Mislead (7)
15. Cry feebly (7)
16. Law (7)
19. Platform (5)
20. Peel (5)
21. Scatter (5)

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	1	6	2	9	5	7	3	8
9	5	2	7	3	8	1	6	4
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6	9	1	8	7	2	5	4	3
5	2	7	9	4	6	3	8	1
3	4	9	1	8	7	6	5	2
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Muses; 4 Desired; 8 Starter; 9 Grass; 10 Need; 11 Underman; 13 Ties; 14 Stud; 16 Specious; 17 Fare; 20 Agree; 21 Tactile; 22 Demeter; 23 Sheet. Down: 1 Misunderstand; 2 State; 3 Site; 4 Daring; 5 Segments; 6 Rearmed; 7 Disengagement; 12 Penitent; 13 Theorem; 15 Cutter; 18 Amine; 19 Acts.
QUICK - Across: 1 Appal; 4 Pretend; 8 Look-out; 9 Plaid; 10 Glee; 11 Unwieldy; 13 Bred; 14 Mild; 16 Hygienic; 17 Flag; 20 Agile; 21 Overdue; 22 Sweeten; 23 Dress. Down: 1 At loggerheads; 2 Prove; 3 Loot; 4 Potent; 5 Explicit; 6 Enabled; 7 Daddy-long-legs; 12 Vehement; 13 Beguile; 15 Disown; 18 Ledge; 19 Tend.

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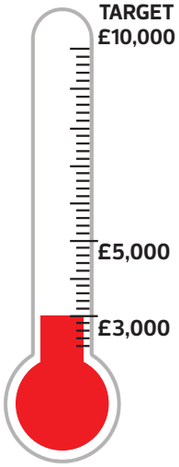

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Sat 8th Feb: Fundraising stall @ charity coffee morning at Bridport United Church Hall, from 10am–12:30pm. South American crafts, bric-a-brac, etc. Call Mary Bunny on 01308 485207 for more information

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Our fund reaches £3,000

LAUNCHED in November 2013 with the aim of raising £10,000 over the next two years, View From Newspapers' appeal for Water Survival Box has already reached £3,000.

Managing Director and View From editor Philip Evans is pictured above handing a cheque to Ken Biggs, representing the Rotary Club of Chelwood Bridge in North Somerset, which runs the charity.

Also pictured is John McCallum, representing the Rotary Club of Lyme Regis, who assisted View From in setting up their appeal. The cheque was presented on Monday at a soup and ploughman's lunch organised by the Rotary Club of Lyme Regis, for the Water Survival Box charity.

Said Mr Evans: "We are delighted to have raised £3,000 in just under three months and we are confident that we will reach our £10,000 way ahead of schedule.

"Our readers and local organisations have already shown great generosity and the View From staff are getting up to all sorts of crazy things to boost the fund."

Mayor gives her support

FOR over 13 years I worked for an overseas aid charity in Reading. We frequently shipped Rotary Shelter Boxes as well as other much needed aid to many countries.

I saw for myself when travelling overseas to deliver aid, the desperate situations people find themselves in through war and poverty. Many countries struggle to survive with floods, drought, and earthquakes. It is all too often the children, the vulnerable and elderly who suffer.

I am delighted that *View From Newspapers* have taken up the challenge to raise much needed funds to purchase Rotary Water Survival Boxes.

I am confident these boxes will make the difference between life and death, health and disease.

I know what a difference even a pound donation can make so I am pleased to support this appeal by giving a donation of £100 from the Mayor's fund.

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Jazzman Bobby Wellins to perform at Arts Centre

Josh Kemp

Bobby Wellins

ONE of the UK's best-known jazzman Bobby Wellins will be performing at Ilminster Arts Centre with Jim Mullen and The Craig Milverton Trio on Valentine's Day Friday 14th February, from 8pm. This gig is gearing up to be a sell-out success. Tickets for the concert are still available but suppers have now sold out.

Bobby Wellins is many times winner of the British Jazz Awards and is probably the UK's best known jazzman. Born in Glasgow in 1936, he started lessons on alto saxophone at the age of 12. He later moved south, taking a 3 year course at Chichester College of Further Education studying keyboard harmony, and then spent a spell at the RAF School of Music in Uxbridge, studying clarinet. His recording career started in 1956 when he joined Buddy Featherstonhaugh's quintet, where he was by now playing tenor saxophone, the instrument to which he has devoted himself to the present day. In the early 1960 s Bobby was recruited by Tony Crombie for his latest band, in the ranks of which he began a long association with the great British pianist Stan Tracey. Along with Bobby and Stan, drummer Laurie Morgan was a member of a loose co-operative of musicians and poets, including Michael Horowitz, who presented jazz and poetry concerts under the title of New Departures. In a bedsit with Laurie Morgan and using an old tape recorder, Bobby began work on his famous Culloden Moor Suite which culminated in its performance by the New Departures Quartet and a 14 piece orchestra. That quartet recorded an album of the same name in 1964. This was followed in 1965 by the Stan Tracey Quartet's recording of a suite of pieces inspired by Dylan Thomas' Under Milk Wood. In a 1998 poll by Jazz UK magazine, readers chose this record as their all-time favourite British jazz album.

Jim Mullen is also a many times winner of the British Jazz Awards. On leaving school in Scotland, guitarist Jim trained as a journalist while playing on the local music scene. He formed a group with Malcolm Duncan and Roger Ball (later of the Average White Band) and they worked throughout Scotland playing Coltrane tunes and originals. It was in this group that he started attracting attention and in 1969 he moved to London, going on to work in the groups of Pete Brown, Brian Auger, Vinegar Joe and Kokomo. In 1975 he met sax player Dick Morrissey and began a 15 year association which produced 7 albums and became one of Britain's top club bands. After the demise of Morrissey Mullen he worked with jazz vocalist Claire Martin and formed a series of quartets.

Craig Milverton has played at all our top UK jazz venues along with The Birmingham Symphony Hall, The Royal Festival Hall, Mintons Playhouse New York, and The Half Note New York, and has appeared at Sacremento, California, Cork, Brecon, Glasgow, Edinburgh, London, Birmingham, Dubai, Bordeux, Cyprus, Istanbul, Albania, Hamburg, and Amsterdam Jazz Festivals. In doing so the list of musicians he has played with covers the best known names in the whole world of jazz. His trio is regularly required to back visiting American soloists at festivals and venues across the UK. Craig won the UK Jazz Award for piano in 2010. He is very much in demand with his various trios and quartets, as an accompanist to the late Humphrey Lyttelton's favourite vocalist, singer Louise Parker, and also as a solo performer with his 'Tribute To Oscar Peterson' and his 'Jazz Piano Legends'. Few British pianists have Craig's thorough knowledge and grasp of jazz styles. His love of the music shines through and he is a natural at whatever he plays.

Bobby Wellins

Berties Big Band comes to Crewkerne

AS PART of this years fund raising for Parkinson's UK, the Rotary Club of Crewkerne District has organised a concert featuring Berties Big Band to be held on Saturday 8 March in the Victoria Hall, Crewkerne. Berties plays a wide range of music featuring Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Sinatra, Glenn Miller, Gershwin, and more, and is well known throughout Somerset.

Parkinson's is a progressive neurological condition, for which there is currently no cure. One in every 500 has Parkinson's, that's about 127,000 people in the UK. Most people who get Parkinson's are aged 50 or over, but young people can get it too. One in 20 is under the age of 40.

Jeremy Webb, President of Crewkerne District Rotary, is eager to raise funds for the continuing research into this disease and would welcome your support at this event.

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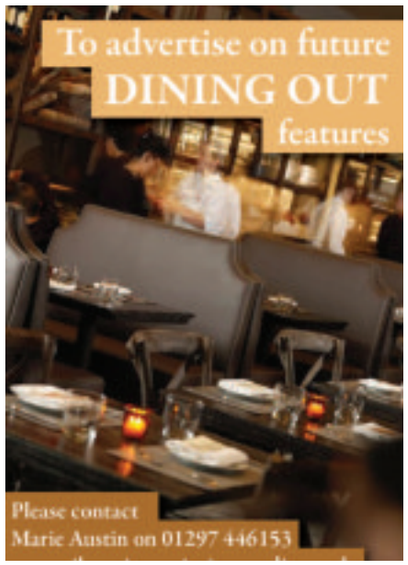

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The cosy interior of the Manor Arms North Perrott with its mood lighting and friendly staff, made a welcoming site on a damp and dreary Burns Night.

The dining rooms were full yet the atmosphere was not overcrowded as hosts Graham and Liz Neville welcomed everyone as if it was their front room and joined in the celebration, in the manor of a true village pub.

Piper Lewis Findlay struck up a tune and led the way as chef Julie Hislop carried in the magnificent steaming haggis which was duly addressed by regular patron Robin Heyd Smith.

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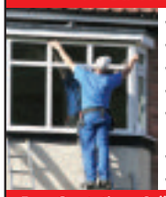

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Frugal New Engine And Even Fuller Specification For Audi Q3

THE AUDI Q3 is the latest beneficiary in the Vorsprung durch Technik brand's drive to cut engine capacities down to an even more efficient size without paring back performance. The compact SUV has just adopted a new, more compact and even more sparing 1.4-litre TFSI petrol engine which joins the range alongside an attractive and comprehensive new S line Plus specification option.

The new 1.4 TFSI slots in at the entry point to the Q3 line-up as an alternative to the 140PS 2.0-litre TDI model, and shares its exclusively front-wheel-driven configuration. Available in conjunction with SE and S line trim levels priced from £23,870 OTR, it offers peak power of 150PS, delivered between 5,000 and 6,000rpm, and maximum torque of 250Nm from 1,750 to 3,000rpm. It can channel these through either a six-speed manual or seven-speed S tronic twin-clutch transmission.

Paired with the slick-shifting manual transmission, the Q3 1.4 TFSI will reach 62mph from rest in 9.2 seconds (8.9 seconds for cars equipped with S tronic), and can carry on to a top speed of 126mph. Combined fuel economy stands at 47.9mpg, and CO2 emissions match the efficiency-focused 140PS version of the 2.0 TDI engine elsewhere in the range at 137g/km (145g/km for S tronic models).

This impressive data helps to position the Q3 1.4 TFSI very favourably in company car terms, its 19 per cent BIK figure equating to a tax liability for a 40 per cent taxpayer amounting to £1,800 per annum (first year).

Extended 'Plus' specification for quattro models

Customers looking further up the Q3 range at quattro-equipped variants can also now choose a new S line Plus specification that slots into the line-up above the S line option and expands on its many benefits both inside and out. Available for all quattro-equipped 2.0 TFSI and 2.0 TDI models, S line Plus specification carries a £2,350 premium over S line trim.

The new top-ranking specification boosts visual appeal by replacing the 18-inch S line wheel with a 19-inch 'five segment spoke' design, and by incorporating privacy glass extending from the B-pillar rearwards. It also includes a choice of seven metallic paint finishes - Ice silver, Samoa orange, Monsoon grey, Caribou brown, Platinum beige, Cobalt blue and Glacier white.

Inside, the standard S line cloth and leather combination upholstery is replaced by a perforated leather and Alcantara mix in S line Plus models, and they also benefit from the addition of cruise control, the Audi parking system plus and SD card-based satellite navigation via the 6.5-inch colour display.

Already included in the lengthy list of S line equipment that is of course integrated into the new top specification are Xenon Plus headlights with LED daytime running lights, exclusive S line body styling, light and rain sensors, front sports seats with powered lumbar support, the Audi Music Interface, Bluetooth interface and voice control system for many infotainment functions. Both versions are equipped by default with comfort-oriented 'dynamic suspension', but both also offer the no-cost option of S line sports suspension with a 20mm lower setting if preferred.

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Volkswagen Polo to Gain New Engines and Technology

THE VOLKSWAGEN Polo is to be updated with a range of new technologies and efficient engines, along with a makeover inside and out. The latest iteration of Volkswagen's best-selling supermini which will feature these changes is due for launch this summer.

Chief among the changes for the Polo – over 14 million of which have been sold worldwide since its introduction in 1975 – is a range of advanced technology features that will be familiar to drivers of the latest Golf, as Volkswagen continues to democratise technology that advances safety, practicality, comfort and efficiency.

All new Polos will be equipped as standard with an Automatic Post-Collision Braking System which automatically brakes the vehicle after a collision to reduce kinetic energy significantly and thus minimise the chance or consequences of a second impact. Options include a Driver Alert System and Front Assist with City Emergency Braking and Automatic Cruise Control.

A new optional Sport Select suspension system will be offered, using electronically controlled dampers to switch between two suspension settings. Meanwhile a new electro-mechanical steering system improves efficiency and offers more precise control.

Volkswagen's modular infotainment system, familiar to Golf drivers, is being introduced across the Polo range. This touchscreen system includes a proximity sensor and a function that reacts to wiping movements by the fingers (as used on smartphones).

▲ The new Volkswagen Polo

Under the bonnet, the revised Polo will feature a range of new EU6-compliant engines offering fuel efficiency improvements of up to 21 per cent over the old units.

New three- and four-cylinder petrol engines lead the changes. There are two 1.0-litre MPI units, with 60 or 75 PS and two 1.2-litre four-cylinder TSI engines with 90 or 110 PS. As before, a 1.4-litre TSI engine with cylinder deactivation (ACT) will be available, this time with power increased by 10 PS to 150 PS. A range-topping Polo GTI with increased power will be available next year.

In the UK, the diesel-powered Polo BlueMotion is to be replaced with a new petrol-powered Polo BlueMotion TSI, which returns 68.9 mpg* on the combined cycle and emits just 94 g/km* of CO2. It uses a new turbocharged three-cylinder 1.0-litre engine that produces 90 PS.

Diesel power is provided for by two new three-cylinder 1.4-litre TDI engines (previously these were 1.2 and 1.6 litres), with 75 and 90 PS.

Exterior changes are subtle but effective, and include more precise lines on the redesigned front bumper and grille, with a chrome line that separates the front fog lights. Optional LED headlights are a first in this class, and have a distinctive light signature. At the rear there are new lights and a new bumper, while five new alloy wheel designs complete the look.

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2009, Suzuki Alto SZ4 1.0 (5dr Hatchback), Petrol, Black £4,995
2009, Suzuki Swift 1.3 GL (3dr Hatchback), Petrol, Black £4,995
2009, Vauxhall Astra 1.6 Life (5dr Hatchback), Petrol, Blue £6,995
2008, Citreon C4 Picasso 2.0 VTR E65 Auto, 5dr, MPV £6,695
2008, Vauxhall Meriva 1.4 Life, MPV, 26,000 miles £5,500
2008, Peugeot 308 SW Diesel (Estate), Diesel, Silver £8,995
2008 58, Ford S-Max 2.0 Auto MPV £8,995
2008 58, Ford Fusion 1.6 Auto 5dr, 18,000 miles £5,795
2007 Ford Fusion, 1.6 Zetec Climate, 5dr £3,995
2007, Ford Focus 1.6 Ghia, beautiful car £5,750
2007, Ford Focus 2.0 Ghia auto, 4dr Saloon £4,995
2007, Ford Focus 1.6 Sport (5dr Hatchback), Petrol, Red £5,995
2007, Ford Focus Automatic (5dr Hatchback), Petrol, Blue £5,995
2007, Suzuki Swift Sport (3dr Hatchback), Petrol, Black £7,500
2006, Vauxhall Meriva 1.7 CDTi Design, Diesel, MPV £4,500
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2004, Nissan Micra 1.2S, 5dr, Beautiful Condition £3,500
2004, Vauxhall Corsa 1.2 (3dr Hatchback), Petrol, Red £2,695
2004, BMW 330 cd Automatic (Coupe), Diesel, Silver £7,995
2004, Citroen C3 1.4 LX (5dr Hatchback), Petrol, Green £3,495
2004, Citroen Saxo 1.1 (3dr Hatchback), Petrol, Silver £2,495
2002, Ford Focus 2.0 Zetec (5dr Hatchback) Petrol, Blue £2,695
2002, Volvo S60 (4dr Saloon), Petrol, Gold £3,995
2002, Peugeot 206 CC (Coupe), Tin Top £3,795
2002 52, Daewoo Tacuma 1.6 SX MPV, very clean £1,995
2001 Peugeot 206 1.9D Style, 5dr £1,995
2001 Peugeot 206 1.1 (5dr Hatchback), Petrol, Silver £1,995
2001, Vauxhall Astra SXi (5dr Hatchback), Petrol, Silver £2,795
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Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom

Glovers outclassed but not disgraced

Southampton 2 Yeovil Town 0
FA cup round Four – att: 24,070

IT was by no means their best performance of the season, but Yeovil were not disgraced when bowing out of the FA Cup at the Fourth Round to Premiership side Southampton at St Mary's on Saturday.

A goal in each half settled the tie although no one can contemplate what skipper Jamie McAllister was thinking when he stuck his hand up at James Ward-Prowse's corner giving referee Phil Dowd one of his easiest decisions of the season.

Guly do Prado sent Glover's keeper Marek Stetch the wrong way from the penalty spot.

Up to that point Yeovil had looked untroubled by a Saints side that included two England international strikers in Adam Lallana and Jay Rodriguez, as well as two England Under 21 full backs in Luke Shaw and Nathaniel Clyne.

What possessed McAllister we don't know, but it changed the game completely.

Up until that point Yeovil has shown that they were able to hold their own with the big boys, and whilst they never threatened the home goal enough, they never really looked like conceding although Rodriguez rattled the crossbar with a header on 18 minutes.

However once the Saints were ahead they could settle back and let Yeovil do all the work.

Unfortunately the returning Ishmael Miller had a stinker, and Joel Grant's magic feet didn't work too well, and whilst James Hayter once again worked his socks off up front, he got no joy from the assured Saints defenders.

Whilst Joe Ralls and John Lundstram worked hard, it was Joe Edwards that stood out in midfield; the pocket dynamo must have covered every blade of grass; and won my man of the match.

Despite the setback, going in at the break just a goal down was a credit to the Glovers, but with a slightly malfunctioning attack and midfield, it was the defence who shone in the second-half.

Having to attack to just get back on even terms, it meant the game was stretched at times but Byron Webster and Shane Duffy in the centre of defence and Luke Ayling worked their socks off when an attack broke down and the Saints quickly countered.

It was Ayling that came closest for the Glovers when his slightly miscued left foot shot had Southampton keeper Kelvin Davis diving across goal to stop his low shot creeping inside the post.

Marek Stech was in great form. He had been tested a couple of times before the break, but as Southampton began to up the tempo, he came into his own once more.

Having saved well from Sam Gallagher, he was eventually beaten by the substitute 20 minutes from the end who was sent clear down the right in acres of space with McAllister badly caught out of position.

He cleverly turned inside the covering Duffy who was unable to tackle without fouling him, before driving the ball past Stech from close range.

The big Czech keeper later denied Gallagher twice more with smart saves, but the best of the match was a brilliant effort from Steven Davis' close range volley.

The players will have learnt from playing against some of the top Premiership players and hopefully take it on board as they get back to the job of Championship survival.

Even Glovers name Duffy for penalty fiasco

I'VE was absolutely flabbergasted to see that the national media, ITV who have the rights to screening of FA Cup matches, and even Yeovil Town's own media have named Shane Duffy as the perpetrator of the handball that led to the penalty.

I can't believe that anyone reporting, or in ITV's case broadcasting footage of the game, did not check to ensure they had the right name. When did the numbers 3 and 15 look alike?

Okay I was at the end where the offence occurred and so maybe had a better view than some journalists in the press box, but the television highlights clearly show McAllister jumping for the ball with his hand up and the ball hitting it.

However I must say I was so unnerved by the fact that so many reports named Duffy, that I started to disbelieve what I saw. Had I missed something that was obvious? Had Duffy touched the ball before his skipper somehow?

Well I have watched the footage 20 times and there is now way that Duffy could have handled it; or am I wrong? Somebody put me out my misery.

Ward-Prowse's flag kick is long and aimed at Lallana who makes a run towards the far post unmarked. The ball clears everyone in the area when suddenly an arm pops up and tips the ball away.

Duffy is close by but his arms do not leave his side and he even walks towards McAllister as if asking what was he doing handling it.

If I am correct then what are all the others looking at?

...and finally a word for the stewarding

I MUST say how impressed with the stewarding and organisation at Southampton.

I travelled on the Bridport Green and White coach, and on arrival at St Mary's we were directed to line up in the road which had been closed off, alongside a number of Glovers coaches already arrived.

Our 200 yard walk to the stadium was interspersed by stewards welcoming us and directing us as required.

Inside the stadium and during the match there were stewards aplenty. I was sat on the end of a row and I must say I was astounded by the number who were up and down the aisle beside me including paramedics to take away a young lady that was not well.

At the end of the match we were cheerily waved on our way home and to the buses which were all held for 15 minutes after the match before being released in one long procession. Excellent!

One criticism. As with any group of people, there are one or two problem makers.

I was surprised to see a number of youngsters, many of them looking decidedly underage drinking beer in the bars under the stands, who later became a nuisance in the stadium, the one blot on the afternoon.

Heartbreak for Glovers

Derby County 3 Yeovil Town 2

THERE was heartbreak for Yeovil at Pride Park on Tuesday when they conceded two late goals, the winner coming four and half minutes into added time, a result that sees them slip to the bottom of the Championship.

Strikes from John Lundstram; a low 25-yard shot; and a superbly taken goal from an acute angle after a strong run from Ishmael Miller, in the first-half gave the travelling Glovers supporters hope of a priceless three points.

But Derby reduced the deficit five minutes after the break, and after intense pressure that saw them fire in 36 shots in total, albeit only nine of target, they grabbed an equaliser three minutes from normal time.

Then deep into added time sub Ed Upson committed what manager Gary Johnson described as "a stupid free-kick" 25 yards out and Chris Martin sneaked in to spoil keeper Marek Stech's 24th birthday with a glancing header in a crowded goalmouth.

The Glovers are off to the Midlands again tomorrow to take on Nottingham Forest.

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Crewkerne underway

AFTER a successful 2013 season Crewkerne Cricket Club will commence training for 2014 this coming week.

Adult sides will start their practice sessions on Monday (February 3rd) from 7pm until 8:30pm at the Old Sports Hall, Wadham School, Crewkerne, with sessions running through to mid-April.

This coming season the Club will be entering two sides in the Somerset Cricket League, and will continue to offer Sunday Friendly cricket and the Evening League side will be looking for further success.

We look forward to welcoming returning - and new - players to these practice sessions.

Youth practices will kick-off next Friday (February 7th) also at Wadham. Those in school years 2-7 run from 6pm-7:30pm and those in school years 8-11 from 7:30pm-9pm.

All sessions supported by qualified coaches.

For more information please visit http://crewkerne.play-cricket.com or contact Ashley Lawrence on 07595621091.

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ilminster AA

Field still top

VES Precision League 6

MORE rain meant Ilminster AA eight members were back at Dillington pond for the fourth match running, strong winds and heavy rain made the going tough for some but the leading weights were still very good.

Jamie Rich won his second match on the trot and also the golden peg fund with 11lb 5oz of roach and rudd from peg 4.

Scott Russell was second with a similar net weighing 9lb 3oz from peg 3 and Justin Charles was third with 7lb 6oz from peg 21.

Result: 1 – Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish/Burt Baits) – 11lb 5oz, 2 – Scott Russell (Tackleuk) – 9lb 3oz, 3 – Justin Charles (Ilminster) – 7lb 6oz.

After six matches, and dropping the worst result, Graham Field leads with nine points followed by Pete Lonton and Jamie on ten.

Sections

A – Pete Lonton (Ilminster) – 1lb 5oz

B – Graham Field (Taunton) – 4lb 4oz

http://againstmenandfish.blogspot.co.uk/

The next match is on Sunday the draw is at the Royal Oak between 8.30 and 9am.

tennis yeovil & district league

Division One	Pld	Pts
Martock A	5	38
Ilminster	6	38
Chard A	5	33
Misterton A	5	26
Melcombe Regis	5	22
Yeovil A	4	16
South Petherton	5	3

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Martock B	5	42
Somerton A	5	36
Wincanton A	6	31
Weymouth A	5	22
Sherborne B	4	18
Somerton B	5	11
Beamisnter A	4	10

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Yeovil B	5	35
Bridport A	4	30
Martock C	4	29
Martock D	6	29
Misterton B	5	18
Yeovil C	6	15
Chard B	4	14

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Wincanton B	5	32
Bridport B	4	30
Weymouth B	4	28
Sherborne C	4	19
Shaftesbury	3	12
Somerton C	4	12
Beaminster B	4	7

jack highs bowls news

ILMINSTER *with Des Maull*

THIS week members of Ilminster Bowls Club helped celebrate Mrs Vera Greenside's 100th birthday with a bouquet of flowers and card presented by Club President Mrs Dot Whelan.

Vera helped her late husband Bill to establish the Minnows Club for young bowlers.

Every Saturday morning Bill coached local youngsters in the skills and disciplines of bowling. Some of the original group have gone on to represent Somerset and England.

■ **CENTURIAN**: Vera Greenside pictured with Ilminster BC President Dot Whelan

On the playing side Ilminster entertained Puriton in the Somerset and Devon Mixed League winning on one rink one and losing on but winning overall by four shots (39 to 35). Ilminster 4pts. Puriton 2.

Details: Val Dargue, Heather Sims, Dot Whelan and Barry Sims 14, T Ainsworth 20; Roger Brown, Penny Stow, Mike King and Rod Parkin 25, R Ruddell 15.

An Ilminster ladies team are through to the area final of the National Triples after beating Minehead.

Details: Heather Grinter, Dot Whelan and June Checketts 17 P Morgan 14. The team now play Thornbury on a neutral green.

CHARDSTOCK SMBC
with Gordon Bodily

TWELVE members travelled to **Donyatt** Indoor bc on Sunday for a mixed friendly

Scores: Ann Sebright, Ann Dredge & J Tucker 15 N Connell 12. Phylis Baldwin, D Eldridge & K Warren 15 B Dibble 24. Veena Cole, B Howard & G Bodily 8 J Jones 24. Cynthia Bradford, A Callagan & T Dredge 8 J Checketts 18.

Final score: Donyatt 78 Chardstock 46.

CREWKERNE SMBC *with Gordon Bodily*

ON Monday, January 20th our visitors were South Petherton smbc to play a mixed friendly.

Scores: Gwen Saunders, Tricia Harris & Bill Green lost 6-12. Kathy Bonney, John Lacey & Dave Wallis lost 10-12. Dave Charnick, Pat Crisp & Gordon Bodily won 13-11.

Frank Smith, Carol Thackaberry & Sid Crisp won 15-5. Final score: Crewkerne 44 South Petherton 40.

CHARD *with Sandra Sumpter*

CHARD A had two away draws in the East Devon Short Mat League this week.

The first was at Colyton. This is always a challenge for visiting teams due to the significant slope of the floor.

One of Chard A's pairs adjusted well winning both their games. Even so there were ends when most bowls ended off the mat.

The other Chard A pairing just could not get to grips with bowling downhill in one direction and then up a significant slope in the other.

On one end they were lying three but Colyton managed to send the jack off the match. In this event the end is replayed and Colyton won the replayed end. That was the story of the afternoon for this pair.

One of the singles players for Chard A won both his matches but the other lost both hers although one game was 5-5 going into the last end.

Chard A can congratulate themselves on earning a draw at this difficult venue although Colyton did get a greater number of shots (59 –53).

On Friday Chard A were away to Sidford. Sidford were beaten 8-0 when they visited Chard but managed to almost reverse this result winning 7-1.

Thursday saw another round of play in the Milford & Dormor Mixed Triples League.

Hurricanes gave Harlequins a bit of a scare this week when they took four shots on the second end.

This spurred Harlequins into action and they finally took the match 21–9. On the face of it this appears an easy win but many ends were so close that a small touch on the jack made a significant difference to the score.

Having lost two games since Christmas, Harlequins were glad to win again as their lead had been narrowed by the other teams.

Canaries were up against Greyhounds. Despite winning more ends Canaries didn't manage to win the match.

Greyhounds were well up at halfway but the Canaries battled back. By the last end they needed two shots to tie. Unfortunately they only managed one and lost 12-13.

Royals are going well in 2nd spot in the table, but were given a bit of a fright by Magpies.

Royals won the first end, and then trailed Magpies until the 12th when they edged in front eventually running out winners 13-10.

M & D table	Pld	Pts
Harlequins	14	20
Royals	13	18
Greyhounds	13	15
Canaries	14	10
Magpies	12	9
Hurricanes	12	6

skittles news from the ilminster and crewkerne leagues

CREWKERNE LEAGUE

Division One	Pld	Pts
Lost Boys	13	124
Super Sexy Six	13	113
Headhunters	13	92
Football Club	13	84
Coachmen	13	82
Stray Cats	13	80
Muddled Men	13	79
Royal Oak Drimpton	13	76
Con Club Legends	13	57
Raptors	12	50
King Willy Dogs	12	49
The Fryers	13	38

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Club Fixers	12	98
Rollers	13	96
Muppets	13	92
Perrott Monkeys	13	87
Nomads	12	78
Brewers Bees	13	77
Skimmers	12	75
Rug Rats	13	73
Fuddlers	12	70
Pinbusters	13	64
Concorde	13	53
Sports 92	13	49

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Acorns	13	124
Chis Colts	13	107
The Likely Lads	13	89
Loud & Proud	12	82
Beer Leg Boys	13	69
Hung Like Horses	12	67
Rotary	13	67
Ugly Ducklings	13	66
Knappers	12	62
Sandbaggers	11	62
Kings Men	13	56
Willy Low Flyers	12	49

■ WINNER ONCE AGAIN: Team memeber Tom Spurway presents the Flying Turkeys Stickers-up Shield to Ashill Boys' representative Rob Andrews for the second year in succession.

STICKER-UPS from the Ilminster & District Skittles League compete in their own annual event for the Flying Turkeys Shield at the Crown Inn, Ilminster.

Last season's winner Rob Andrews representing the Ashill Boys retained his title by two pins after hitting 63.

Runner-up was The Royal Oak Faces' Sam Sheldrake who hit 61.

Every competitor hit great scores and they all enjoyed the night which was a great success with a couple of 'floppers thrown in to keep the older sticker-ups busy!

The awards were presented by Flying Turkeys' representative Tom Spurway.

Special thanks go to all entrants, The League, team supporters, L.Woodland, V.Woodland & N.Dopson (sticker ups) and M.Drayton for marking the board and presentations, Dave Mears - Landlord of the Crown for all his help and use of the alley and providing the food, Luke Lionel, Adam for selling draw tickets for The Chairman's 'Dryathon' which raised £65.

indoor football yeovil 6-a-side league

IT'S increasingly looking like a three horse race for the title in the Yeovil Monday 6-a-side Premier league, with the leading trio pulling away after all winning again this week.

NWA, Yeovil Landrover and U Will Be Gutti's were all victorious and the climax of the campaign promises to be a real ding-dong battle.

In division one, Blackmore's made it seven points from seven games – and did so in fine style – after beating bottom side No Kalou 6-3. Martin Sloan starring in that clash, while 50 Shades of Andy Gray blew the title race wide open, turning over leaders Barrington FC 3-1, in by far the most impressive display of the day.

Division two was the place to go for excitement, with two matches ending 6-1 as high-flying No Pain No Gain and leaders The Only Way Is Wessex beat struggling duo One Hit Wanderers and NFC respectively, but even that haul was surpassed by the nine goals that were shared by Hardly Athletic and The Round Heads, with Athletic winning as Josh Smallby found some fine form.

Anyone who wants to join the leagues in Yeovil can do so by visiting the website at www.leisureleagues.net

CURRENT TABLES

Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
NWA!	7	26	12
Yeovil Landrover	7	17	11
U Will be Guttis	7	5	11
Stroke T	7	3	6
Kamikaze Zebras	7	-9	6
Moves Like Aggar	7	-11	6
No Chance	7	7	4
Slam that Salmon	7	-38	0

Division One	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barrington FC	7	23	12
50 Shades of A.Gray	7	20	10
Panthers	7	18	10
Westfield FC	7	-2	9
Blackmores	7	2	7
Pele's Children	7	-12	5
Bunch of Mugs	7	-26	2
No Kalou FC	7	-23	1

Division Two	Pld	+/-	Pts
Towi Wessex	7	27	14
Swag Lads	7	25	14
No Pain no Gain	7	8	8
Hardly Athletic	7	8	8
5 Ways	7	5	6
MNFC	7	-14	4
The Round Heads	7	-26	1
1 Hit Wanders	7	-33	1

■ SIX HIT: Blackmores who beat No Kalou 6-3.

darts chard

Premier	Pld	Pts
BDB's	11	186
High 4 & a Half	10	167
Rejects Return	9	146
New Order	10	144
Clubbers	10	137
Pig Jockeys	10	114
Hobnobs	10	114
Phoenix Poppes	11	112
Hopefuls	11	104
Downs	10	101

Most 180s: Leighton Cox (High 4 & a Half) 6.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Country Classics	12	183
Happy Sharks	10	112
Cult of Personality	11	112
Pirates	11	110
Pop Darts	11	108
Stumpy's Gang	10	89
Madhouse Crew	11	78
HRT	10	73
PA's	9	67
From Small Acorns	9	60

Most 180s: Simon Mainwaring and Dave Mears (both Country Classics) 2.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Best of a Bad Lot	12	130
Winning Team	11	128
Two Minute Crew	11	123
We can do this	10	115
Happy Days	11	101
Chard Remains	11	97
Red Devils	10	94
Dizzy Tarts	11	93
Rare Breeds	11	89
B's Knees	10	75

Most 180s: James Packer (We can do This) 2.

horse racing wessex point-to-point

BY GILL ARMSTRONG

PREVIEW
South Dorset Hunt
Milborne St Andrew
(Tomorrow, February 1st)

THE Sally Duckett-trained That's Rhythm, unbeaten in five completed outings last season including Stratford's AGA Ladies Series Final Hunter Chase, and Gwanako, who provided 16-year-old Megan Nicholls with a first win between the flags at Larkhill, are the two suggestions for Sunday's South Dorset Ladies Open at Milborne St Andrew.

Extra Bold and Terra Bleu – first and second at Peper Harow in May – and Whitfield winner Major Decision are three other contenders.

The fascinating runners are the Goulds' former high class Rules performer Silverburn, a full-brother to Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Denman and winner of a Grade 1 Sandown Novice Chase, and the Ruckers' State Benefit, a £42,000 May Doncaster purchase after winning a hurdle race and two steeplechases for the Nicky Henderson stable.

That's Rhythm is fancied to forge clear of his rivals up the final climb.

Larkhill Racing Club winner Poquelin and last year's winner Certain Flight are among the 14 entries for the Bonham's Men's Open, along with course specialist Crank Hill.

Johnny's Way, prolific South East winner Adept Approach, long distance specialist Fortification and the Peter Mason-trained Shy John are four more for the shortlist, along with Frances Bishop's Theatre Evening, the winner of a 2m6f Newton Abbot hurdle for trainer Fergal O'Brien in May.

Consistent former Coronation Gold Cup winner Coombe Hill will be suited by testing conditions and can chase up Poquelin and Certain Flight.

Crank Hill is an automatic selection to complete a three-timer in the Hunt race if connections take up the option.

The 2010 winner Gunner Be Quick – another who would relish a test of stamina – may be the strongest challenger.

In the 2m-4f Maiden, Auckland De Re, who could represent the Louise Kemble/Chloe Roddick combination, Robert Waley-Cohen's pair Sing To Me and Storm Lantern, and Larkhill runner-up The Gunner Brady may be four to choose from.

Wadebridge runner-up Sutton Storm and Chipley Park second Mangans Turn are the two suggestions for the three-mile Maiden.

The Greenways' Justabout is fancied to confirm Tiverton placings and deny Barneys Mate a fourth consecutive win in the Novice Riders' race.

Stafford Cross winner Flanshan, 10-race winner Doof, River Indus, a winner over four-miles at Treborough Hill last season and Dunraven Prince, the winner of three of his four UK points, also catch the eye.

But Wadebridge winner Working Title may give Justabout and Barneys Mate the most to do.

Ask The Weatherman won well at Larkhill on Saturday and can follow up in the Restricted.

Fine Resolve stayed on strongly to win at Chaddesley Corbett in December and may be the danger.

The course at Milborne St Andrew is just off the A354 midway between Blandford and Dorchester. First race: 12 noon.

Admission is to either of two car parks at £20 or £25 per car with a reduction for single occupants; £5 for pedestrians.

cycling chard wheelers

THE Newport Velodrome hosted the annual 'Ice-breaker' series of track racing meetings.

With a round in January, February and March, the events are based around an 'Omnium style' of individual races.

Three youth riders from McKinlays 1st Chard Wheelers took part in the first meeting last weekend. All three performed exceptionally well.

Emily Attfield (u16) reached the 'points' final and Rowan Ellis one of the youngest under 14s, rode strongly to reach the 'scratch' final.

Joe West (u14) reached both the 'points' and 'scratch' finals. These were great efforts against most of the top British riders.

Rob Hogg (u18 Junior) took a brilliant 3rd place in a Category 2/3 race at Odd Down cycle racing circuit.

Hogg beat many top adult riders around the new 1.5 kilometre track.

The 'Wheelers' coaches are hosting training sessions for youth riders at Merryfield on Feb 15th and March 2nd. Any new young riders (over 8) are welcome.

Please contact Brandon Ellis for full details on 01460 221479.

scrum-down rugby news

Hornets sting removed by resolute Chard forwards

Chard 27 Hornets 15
South West Division One

CHARD were well beaten at Hornets earlier in the season but deservedly won this return encounter in what was a terrific game of rugby enjoyed by the 250 plus crowd.

Chard played with the benefit of a strong wind at their backs in the opening half and opened their account with a well struck penalty goal from the boot of skipper Chris Doak early on.

It did not take long for Hornets to get into the game and they did so with a characteristic counter attack from their back division which had caused Chard so much trouble in the first fixture. Hornets moved the ball quickly out wide and Charlie Carter raced into the corner for an unconverted try.

It soon became evident that this looked likely to be a contest between the outstanding Chard forwards and the very useful Hornets back division.

Chard refused a penalty attempt in the search for greater things and this decision paid off when, from a lineout, scrum-half Ryan Helliar darted through a gap and off loaded to lock Richard Mouland who scored in the corner. Doak added the extras with a great kick and Chard were back in front.

The rest of the half was a ding-dong affair between two very good sides with no quarter asked or given although Chard lost Pennington to the bin for an over exuberant tackle!

Right on the whistle for half-time Chard scored with their final attack of the half when Luke Aplin went over in the corner. Another excellent kick from Doak gave Chard a 17-5 interval lead.

Hornets now had the wind in their favour and they gave the Chard side a torrid time in the opening quarter. Jermaine Jones kicked from inside his own half with ease to send out a warning that the Hornets were still well in the game.

Chard were under lots of pressure and could not get out of their own half. They started to make mistakes and an element of panic set in.

It came as no surprise when Hornets' Jones ran through under the posts for a try which he converted himself. The score was now 17-15 and at this stage it only looked as if there would be one winner… and it wasn't Chard!

But the home forwards were magnificent. Flanker Jason Wright was having a superb game particularly at the breakdown and as the game went on the visiting forwards found it harder and harder to contain Chard.

When Hornets lost a front row forward to the bin for the last ten minutes the writing was on the wall.

Aplin proved unstoppable as he went over for his second try and then Jim Wagstaff set up Simon Jenkins for the bonus point try.

Chard: *Douglas, J Massey, Pennington, L Massey, Harrison, Doak(capt) Helliar, Aplin, Jenkins, Hyslop, Mouland, Henley, Wagstaff, Wright, Parsons. Reps Allen-Roberts, Robinson, Johnson.*

Chard entertain St Austell tomorrow (kick off 2 30pm). All supporters are reminded that after the match against St Austell the France v England game will be on offer.

Chard 2nd xv and Chard 3rd xv have no games tomorrow.

Old Redcliffians 3rd XV 19
Chard 2nd XV 12

THE game was dominated by the conditions - which degenerated into being absolutely bleak at times.

Chard found themselves playing up the slope and against the wind in the first-half.

■ OFF LOAD: Scrum-half Ryan Helliar feeds to back line in Chard's 27-15 win over Hornets.
Photo by ANDREW GRAHAM

Despite massive territorial domination and a lion's share of possession, the hosts found Chard's defence difficult to break through.

Old Reds did eventually squeeze over the line following a forward drive.

Despite being largely on the receiving end, Chard were dominant in the set scrums taking four against the head. Old Reds took to putting the ball in the second row to ensure they won it - which they got away with, without sanction from the referee.

The scrummage dominance continued throughout the match - a feather in the cap of all eight Chard forwards - but notably due to the technique and industry of props David and Billy Biss,

Just before half time, Chard scored a superb try, a break down the left put centre Matt Tinley away, in support was number 8 Max Gosden who scored near the posts. Sam Mouland converted.

But Old Reds hit back with a repeat of their first try - a rumble over from close range to lead 12-7 at the break.

Despite now playing against the elements the hosts produced the best play of the day to extend their lead to 19-7.

Chard used their scrummage dominance to drive over the home line - the Reds pack splintering as they retreated then collapsed short of the line stopping the drive.

The referee ordered re-sets and the same happened again - on another day, a penalty try would have been justifiably awarded.

Chard closed the gap with a try driven over by the pack and scored by Billy Biss to make it 19-12 - but time ran out.

As they stand

Toolstation D1	Pld	+/-	Pts
Bradford Town	26	76	69
Shepton Mallet	26	42	58
Welton Rovers	27	26	53
Cribbs	30	12	49
Wellington	26	9	48
Wincanton Town	25	31	44
Devizes Town	26	4	44
Almondsbury UWE	27	-1	42
Barnstaple Town	23	14	40
Corsham Town	25	-18	39
Wells City	25	5	37
Ashton & Backwell	23	1	37
Roman Glass St G	27	-7	36
CHARD TOWN (14th)	***27***	***-3***	***32***
Calne Town	28	-4	32
Westbury United	28	-11	32
Chippenham Park	26	-15	30
Cheddar	25	-18	28
Warminster Town	28	-30	23
Keynsham Town	28	-32	23
Oldland Abbotonians	27	-32	16
Portishead Town	27	-49	11

Somerset Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Shirehampton	20	47	47
Nailsea Utd	19	21	44
Clutton	19	20	41
Fry Club	20	29	40
Watchet Town	16	15	37
Minehead	19	20	33
Stockwood Green	21	-2	33
Berrow	19	7	30
Cutters Friday	19	-6	24
Bishops Lydeard	20	-8	22
Weston St Johns	18	-12	22
Bridgwater Town Res	20	-17	22
Yatton Athletic	21	-11	21
Nailsea Town	19	-12	20
Langford Rovers*	19	-12	15
Street Res	17	-23	15
ILMINSTER TOWN	***16***	***-19***	***11***
Odd Down Res	20	-37	10

Somerset D2W	Pld	+/-	Pts
Cleeve West Town	17	35	40
Glastonbury	16	32	37
North Curry	18	23	35
Staplegrove	15	19	31
COMBE St NICHOLAS	***20***	***17***	***31***
Winscombe	16	12	29
Portishead Town Res	16	8	29
Wells City Res	15	13	28
Uphill Castle	16	21	24
Kewstoke Lions	16	1	24
Worle	18	-2	24
Nailsea Utd Res	17	-10	20
Burnham Utd Res	16	-36	14
Churchill Club*	19	-40	15
Cheddar Res*	18	-17	11
Nailsea Town Res*	18	-20	9
Weston St Johns Res	23	-56	7

D&E Premier Div	Pld	+/-	Pts
Newtown	13	44	37
St Martins	12	53	33
Budleigh Salterton Res	18	-17	26
Feniton	11	22	24
Seaton Town	14	0	22
CHARD TOWN RES	***16***	***3***	***18***
Exeter University Res	12	-4	18
Tiverton Town Res	8	16	16
Hatherleigh Town*	11	3	16
Willand Rovers Res	15	-6	16
Thorverton	10	-9	15
Topsham Town	16	-14	15
Beer Albion	15	-20	14
Clyst Valley	14	-30	5
Heavitree Utd	13	-41	5

** = points deducted*

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Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Crewkerne Town	11	24	26
Perry Street	11	19	22
Lyme Regis	7	19	19
Shepton Beauchamp	9	12	14
W & M Chinnock	9	3	14
Millwey Rise	11	1	12
Misterton	9	0	12
Beaminster	7	0	12
Combe Res	9	-13	10
Ilminster Town Res	8	-16	6
Winsham Utd	13	-49	1

Division One	Pld	+/-	Pts
South Petherton	11	31	29
Perry Street Res	10	21	22
Lyme Regis Res	8	17	19
Forton Rangers	11	5	18
Barrington	12	7	17
Netherbury	12	-7	14
Pymore	10	-4	13
Farway Utd	12	-9	13
Beaminster Res	12	-39	5
Uplyme	10	-22	3

Division Two	Pld	+/-	Pts
Chard Utd	9	32	27
Luso-Chard*	13	24	26
Thorncombe	12	11	22
Charmouth	11	13	21
Combe A	12	9	21
Waytown Hounds	11	14	20
Ilminster Colts	13	-21	15
Crewkerne Rangers	11	-10	11
Dowlish & Donyatt	13	-20	8
Crewkerne Town Res	11	-19	6
South Petherton Res*	12	-33	2

Division Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Chard Utd Res	12	2	23
Drimpton	9	13	22
Barrington Res	10	15	21
Lyme Bantams	10	11	20
Hawkchurch Utd	11	8	19
Shepton Beau Res	9	8	14
Millwey Rise Res	9	-1	11
Ilminster Town A	9	-6	9
Winsham Utd Res	11	-27	5
Chard Rangers	12	-23	3

Division Four	Pld	+/-	Pts
Merriott Dynamos	13	43	31
Kingsbury Episcopi	12	31	31
Forton Rangers Res	10	22	22
Thorncombe Res	11	16	21
Combe B	12	5	17
Misterton Reserves	10	0	17
Hinton St George	13	-18	10
Uplyme Res*	11	-7	9
Crewk Rangers Res	10	-10	9
Farway Utd Res	12	-42	7
Chard Rangers Res	12	-40	3

** = Pts deducted*

LOCAL FOOTBALL NEWS

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Battling Blues grab useful point

A WATERLOGGED Zembard Lane forced Chard Town to postpone last Saturday's scheduled visit by Calne.

Chard will try again tomorrow when they entertain Cribbs (3pm ko).

Adam Fricker's squad is boosted by the return of Jamie Underwood, back from suspension, and George Chlopecki back from injury.

But there are doubts over Nathan Warren and Jamie Barfoot while Sam Spurway serves the last of his three game ban.

***Squad**: Jason Hutchings, Sam Clark, Tauofik Ben Salem, Mark Armstrong, Mark Scott, Ben Haines, Darren Hutchings, Andy Martin, Jamie Barfoot, George Chlopecki, Jamie Underwood, Leigh Bailey, Mike McCormack, Oscar Latis, Adam Fricker.*

SOMERSET LEAGUE

A CHRIS Nezianya strike was enough to earn Ilminster Town a creditable point from a 1-1 draw in horrendous conditions at mid-table Cutters Friday last weekend.

Nezianya struck on the half-hour, his first goal in first team colours in almost a year, after the hosts had taken the lead.

Next up for Darren Manley's troops is tomorrow's Premier Division visit by eighth-placed Berrow.

Combe St Nicholas also put in a good performance seeing of the challenge of Worle with a 3-1 win at Slades Cross.

Owen Dodd, Chris Warry and Joe Simmons, who moved up to 17 for the season, scored for the Saints who are without a fixture tomorrow.

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

CHARD Town Reserves are now without a win in four following a disappointing 1-1 draw at relegation favourites Clyst Valley.

Robins' manager Stu Parris felt his side should have clinched the win, he said: "I'm disappointed. We had enough chances to kill the game off in the first-half, but only converted the one through Ben Haines.

"They (Clyst) then created a couple of chances just before half-time, which should of acted as a warning for us.

"In the second-half we were still asleep when they launched one ball over the top and it was 1-1.

"The pitch did cut up, which made it difficult, but again we had so many chances to win it, but we never made their keeper make a save.

"Whereas in the dying minutes our keeper Charlie Ledger made a great save to get us a point.

"So we can look at pitch, and us being a bit rusty - but the bottom line is if you create chances and make the correct decisions, you win the game, we made too many poor decisions all over the park."

The Robins hit the road tomorrow to take on a Tiverton Town Reserves' side that last played a league fixture back in November!

On that occasion Tivvy edged a 1-0 win at Zembard Lane.

SOMERSET WOMENS LEAGUE

ALL of the region's teams were washed out last weekend.

Sunday brings the following matches in Division Two; Ilminster Town Res v Combe St Nicholas, Merrriott & Crewkerne v Wellington.

Hutchings cup throws up early shocks

PREMIER

Beaminster 0 Crewkerne Town 2

GOALS at either end of the second-half saw Crewkerne Town extend their lead at the top of the Premier Division to four points.

Conditions underfoot at the Memorial Ground were surprisingly good but a fierce cross wind prevented any free flowing football.

Beaminster went into the game without striker Josh Hunter and influential skipper Murray Legg.

But they were boosted by in the inclusion of teenager Ollie Woodcock, a midweek capture from Bridport, who was to put in an impressive shift on debut in the midfield engine room.

In a game largely devoid of chances the first sight of goal came in the 26th minute when Crewkerne winger Richard Crabb's fizzing low cross-shot was kept out by the feet of Rainbows' keeper Adam Herring.

The hosts' best chance came four minutes before the interval when a cross passed through the Tigers' six yard box but Josh Baker was just unable to keep his shot an target at the far post under challenge from Pete Symes.

Four minutes after the turnaround Crewkerne took the lead in contentious circumstances.

Striker Brad Miles went over in the box – far too easily in Beaminster's opinion.

But their protests were waved away by experienced referee Willie Marks and Jamie Spurdle tucked away the resulting penalty giving Herring no chance for his 22nd goal of the season.

Again chances were at a premium in the second 45 but when one did arrive in the 81st minute midfielder Jason Rendall made no mistake.

Spurdle was twice denied by Herring, but as the home defence hesitated Rendall snapped up the rebound from close range and the points were in the bag for the visitors.

Defences were largely on top overall with Dean Hyett once again marshalling the Beaminster back line well and Jason Manley in imperious form for the Tigers.

Millwey Rise 1 Combe Reserves 2

COMBE Reserves took another big step towards Premeir Division survival with their second win on their travels in a week.

Dan Murnane gave Rise a 16th minute lead but the the Saints were level 10 minutes before the break when Ben Sheahan scored his first goal of the season following good work from Wayne Long.

The winner came in the 71st minute when Stuart Bicknell netted at the second attempt.

DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP (Last 16)

Forton Rangers Res 3 Waytown Hounds 1

WAYTOWN Hounds, currently on the fringes of the Division Two promotion race, were on the wrong end of a cup upset as they were dumped out of the Daisy Hutchings cup by Division Four promotion chasers Forton Rangers Reserves.

The Hounds opted to play against the wind in the first-half and did very well to keep the score line down to 1-0 at half-time courtesy of a very unfortunate own goal .

But it was a second goal from Liam Whitworth early after the restart that seemed to kill off any belief in The Hounds.

Captain Matt Read pulled a goal back to make it 2-1 but a very determined Forton killed the game off with a third goal from ex-Ilminster Town striker Taylor Jefferson.

There were shocks elsewhere too with Adam Swinnerton's goal on debut for Division Four title-favourites **Merriott Dynamos** earning a 1-0 win at **Hawkchurch United**.

Another scalp was claimed by Division Four mid-tablers **Misterton Reserves** with Joe Djeebet, Sam Noakes and Ricky Smith scoring in a 3-1 win which saw off **Crewkerne Town Reserves** 3-1. Tom Broome netted the Tigers' consolation.

Player-manager Richard White scored the only goal as **Winsham United Reserves** beat the champions from two years ago **Millwey Rise Reserves** 1-0 at Bakersfield.

Finally, **Chard United** shuffled their pack with, amongst others, keeper Matt Sweet playing up top, and were made to pay as they lost their eight game winning run and were knocked-out by two Warren Gabbidon goals in a 2-1 reverse against **Combe A** at Jocelyn Park.

Polish playmaker Kamil Wilk had earlier put United ahead.

DIVISION ONE

Netherbury 0 South Petherton 5

DESPITE missing four first team regulars South Pertherton completed a routine win against a below par Netherbury.

Pethy took the lead in the 14th minute with a fast move and accomplished finish by Jody Bovey.

The hosts slipped 2-0 down after a flick on at the halfway line fell for Bovey who slotted his second.

Netherbury finally got going in the last 15 minutes and actually created some half decent openings.

However they were caught out by a long ball and the move ended with Jan Bovey tapping-in.

The Ambers started the second-half off well and enjoyed more possession with Pethy missing midfield powerhouse Danny Rendall who was forced off with the recurrance of a knee injury.

But the visitors made it 4-0 when Lee Holt crashing home a low shot past keeper Tom Franklin

Petherton added further gloss to their performance with a late goal, when four players broke the offside trap and Ashley Smith punished the Ambers with a neat chip from 20 yards to make it 5-0.

League round-up

CHARD United Reserves came from behind courtesy of goals from Sam Stockford and Rod Major to beat Chard Rangers 2-1 in the Jocelyn derby.

The win takes United to the top of the **Division Three** table.

Hot on their heels are Drimpton who trailed to a Craig Lodge goal the interval against visiting Shepton Reserves.

But a double from Chris Rowswell, one a long-range lob , and another from George Tuck saw the Greens move up to second.

Mike Bagg netted for the Rangers who led at half-time.

The only game in **Division Four** brought an end to Hinton's nine-game winless run as they thrashed Chard Rangers Reserves 5-0. Aaron Hodges (3), Ross Jewell and Ricky Samways scored the goals.

RESULTS - January 25th

DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP (last 16)
Chard Utd (Div 2) 1 Combe A (Div 2) 2
Forton Rangers Res (4) 3 Waytown Hounds (2) 1
Hawkchurch Utd (3) 0 Merriott Dynamos (4) 1
Misterton Res (4) 3 Crewkerne Town Res (2) 1
Winsham Utd Res (3) 1 Millwey Rise Res (3) 0

PREMIER
Beaminster 0 Crewkerne Town 2
Millwey Rise 1 Combe Res 2

DIVISION ONE
Netherbury 0 South Petherton 5

DIVISION THREE
Chard Rangers 1 Chard Utd Res 2
Drimpton 3 Shepton Beauchamp Res 1

DIVISION FOUR
Hinton St George 5 Chard Rangers Res 0

Thursday, January 30th - John Fowler Cup Final
Drimpton P Ilminster Town P *(Bridport FC waterlogged)*

TOMORROW'S PREVIEW

FINGERS will be crossed that today's forecast deluge doesn't hit tomorrow's scheduled fixtures too badly.

Three of the knock-out cups are set to commence.

In the Tommy Tabberer competition twice winners Dowlish & Donyatt will be underdogs when they entertain Luso-Chard, while the Thorncombe v Charmouth tie looks too close to call.

In the Bill Bailey Cup Ilminster Town A welcome a Millwey Rise Reserves side that have finished runners-up in each of the last two seasons.

Meanwhile, Chard Rangers, in action at Winsham Reserves, will have to break a run of 19 games without a win on their travels if they are to reach the last eight.

The tie of the round in the Reg Eglon competition sees Thorncombe Reserves head off to face an in-from Forton Rangers Reserves.

FIXTURES

Saturday, February 1st - all 2pm ko
TOMMY TABBERER CUP - Round One
Dowlish & Donyatt v Luso-Chard
South Petherton Res v Ilminster Colts
Thorncombe v Charmouth

BILL BAILEY CUP - Round One
Ilminster Town A v Millwey Rise Res
Winsham Utd Res v Chard Rangers

REG EGLON CUP - Round One
Forton Rangers Res v Thorncombe Res
Merriott Dynamos v Hinton St George
Misterton Res v Kingsbury Episcopi

PREMIER
Combe Res v Perry Street
Crewkerne Town v Ilminster Town Res
Millwey Rise v Beaminster
Shepton Beauchamp v Winsham Utd
West & Middle Chinnock v Lyme Regis
DIVISION ONE
Beaminster Res v Forton Rangers
Lyme Regis Res v South Petherton
Netherbury v Barrington
DIVISION TWO
Chard Utd v Combe A
Crewkerne Rangers v Crewkerne Town Res
DIVISION THREE
Barrington Res v Drimpton
Lyme Regis Bantams v Hawkchurch Utd
DIVISION FOUR
Combe B v Uplyme Res

ON THE SPOT

Weekender Sport

puts the questions to

MERRIOTT DYNAMOS FC'S

HUNG DANG

Q How old are you? How long have you been involved in local football?

A I'm 41, I have been involved in local football for about 17 years, at first playing for Merriott Rovers after being asked to come to training by Adrian Male, to aid my recovery from a knee injury. The Merriott team was managed by Mike Hawes who I enjoyed playing for and ended up playing two seasons for. I have been managing a youth team for the past eight seasons from under 9s - under 15s for Merriott, and for their final season in youth football, u16s for Chard Town. This season I am managing Chard u18s and Merriott Dynamos.

Q Who have you played for?

A I started at the FA National School at Lilleshall where I played for England Youth under the guidance of the late Dave Sexton for two years before starting at Tottenham Hotspur. Injury ended my time there and I moved on to play for Exeter City, Yeovil Town, Salisbury City, Chard Town, Bridport, Frome and the mighty Merriott.

Q Name the best three players you played alongside and why.

A I was fortunate enough in my youth to play with **Nayim** who scored that great goal for Real Zaragoza against Arsenal in the 1995 European Cup Winners Cup Final. **Andy Cole** who had great pace and balance and **Jamie Redknapp**. Locally, I have played with some fantastic players as well - **Phil Crabb** at Bridport, **Andy Paull** and **Andy Gready** at Merriott.

Q And the best three opponents?

A I have come across many great opponents over the years but the most difficult one I faced was **Gary Mabbutt** who, even in training, gave nothing away. When playing for Merriott against Combe I knew that the **Stoodley brothers**, Mark and Paul, would always give you a hard battle.

Q What's your favourite away ground?

A ly would be really difficult to choose a favourite ground. But for obvious reasons it would have to be the Old Wembley, Highbury, Main Road and locally Huish Park and Tiverton. When playing for Merriott I enjoyed the matches at Axminster because it was flat.

Q What is your most treasured football trophy?

A My England Youth caps.

Q Do any matches or incidents stick in your memory?

A The most memorable has to be England Youth v Denmark Youth at Wembley stadium in 1988 in front of a crowd of 54,000. England won the game 2-1 and I scored both of the goals.

Q What was the first professional game you watched live?

A I think it was Exeter City v Rochdale cheering the Grecians on from the Cow Shed.

Next: Bob Hall

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